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Photo by Stacey Byington

## A word from our Commanders

# Rear Adm. Weaver explains role of CNI

By JO2(SCW) Eric Clay  
NAS Jacksonville Public Affairs

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (NNS) — Rear Adm. Christopher Weaver paid a visit to NAS Jacksonville Aug. 22 to explain the role of Commander, Navy Installations (CNI), his new job title beginning Oct. 1.

CNI is intended to bring together the 16 installation management regions of the Navy, including 98 installations around the world, into one central resource policy and business-guiding structure.

"CNI will bring the various regions together and connect them directly to the Chief of Naval Operations, (CNO) and to better identify those installations as truly our Navy's combat power," explained Weaver.

Since 1997, the Navy has addressed improved shore installation effectiveness by regionalizing and reducing the number of installation claimants. Starting Oct. 1, the number of installation claimants will be reduced to just one, when the newly established CNI begins operating in Washington.

The establishment of CNI will affect the Navy, because CNI will unify business processes and take the best of what the Navy has learned in the past five years.

"Since 1998, installation claims and consolidation reports allowed us to learn that we need a central business process to support the 'warfighter' and reduce the cost of our infrastructure," stated Weaver.

Weaver added this process will allow warfighters to focus on being warfighters.

"What I mean is mission commanders



U.S. Navy Photo by JO2(SCW) Eric Clay

***Rear Adm. Christopher Weaver, center, pauses for a photo with Rear Adm. Annette Brown, Commander of Navy Region Southeast, and CAPT Mark Boensel, Commanding Officer of NAS Jacksonville. RADM Weaver was in Jacksonville on Aug. 22, to talk about shore installation consolidation.***

can now be focused on their missions, while the non-mission issues such as security and flightline operations, will be handled regionally," Weaver said. "This should also affect the Southeast Region the same way that it will affect the rest of the Navy, where the installation will be controlled by a central committee. This should save money that can be put back

into the region.

"In my role as the CNI, I will make sure that the more than five billion dollars in resources the Navy receives will be put to good use. I can only do that by having great partnerships like the one I have with Rear Adm. Annette Brown of the Southeast Region," Weaver concluded.

## England renominated as SECNAV

WASHINGTON (NNS) — President George W. Bush announced Aug. 22 his intention to nominate one individual to serve in his administration. The President intends to nominate former Secretary of the Navy, Gordon England, of Texas, to be the new Secretary of the Navy.



**Gordon England**

"I am pleased to learn of the President's intent to nominate Secretary Gordon England as the Secretary of the Navy," said Hansford T. Johnson, Acting Secretary of the Navy. "He has proven his leadership here in the Navy and Marine Corps, and we look forward to welcoming him home."

Gordon England was confirmed as the

first Deputy Secretary in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security on January 30, 2003. The Department of Homeland Security was established on January 24, 2003, to integrate 22 different agencies with a common mission to protect the American people.

Previously, Secretary England served as the 72nd Secretary of the Navy from May 24, 2001 until confirmation as Deputy Secretary.

Prior to that, England served as Executive Vice President of General Dynamics Corporation. Throughout his career, England has served as a member of the Defense Science Board and has received awards from the National Defense Industrial Association and the National Management Association. He is also a member of the Aviation Heritage Hall of Fame. England received his bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland and his master's from the M.J. Neeley School of Business at Texas Christian University.



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## From our Fleet

# Decisive nets three 'go-fasts,' contraband

By ENS Melissa Greten  
USCGC Decisive

Pacific Ocean – U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Decisive, in the Eastern Pacific Ocean near Central America, recently interdicted two 'go-fasts' each carrying approximately 1,000 kilograms of cocaine each.

In the late evening hours of Aug. 4, a Coast Guard C-130 aircraft sighted two suspicious vessels traveling at a high rate of speed.

Decisive employed her MH-68 armed helicopter and over-the-horizon boat to pursue both boats.

The MH-68 and the small boat were specifically designed for this mission. The MH-68 carries an M-240 machine gun for delivering warning shots and a large caliber rifle that is used to stop a vessel's engines. The over-the-horizon boat is capable of high speeds and has navigation and communications equipment that allow it to operate well away from the ship.

The crew of the first go-fast encountered by the helicopter refused repeated direction to stop and began throwing their illicit cargo overboard. After delivering warning shots across the vessel's bow the helicopter's gunner disabled the vessel's engines.

Meanwhile, Decisive's small boat pursued the second go-fast, whose crew was also throwing contraband over the side. Within minutes of disabling the first go-fast, the helicopter arrived on-scene with the Decisive's boat and the second go-fast stopped.

The cutter spent the rest of that night and most of the next day recovering 44 bales of cocaine containing 25 kilograms each for a total of 1,100 kilograms. Seven suspects were detained by Decisive and later returned to the United States



U.S. Coast Guard Photo

***USCGC Decisive crewmembers, BM3 Robert Kirbert and SN James Huffman-Pierce, load bales of cocaine onto the cutter after they were recovered from the water, dumped by suspected smugglers. The cutter recovered more than 44 bales, with an estimated wholesale value of more than \$24 million.***

for prosecution.

In a separate seizure, on Aug. 19, the cutter, working in conjunction with USS Stump, retrieved 83 bales, containing 1,659 kilograms of cocaine, which another go-fast

had thrown overboard. The Stump aided Decisive in capturing the 4-member crew of the go-fast.

Three days before its return to homeport in Pascagoula on Aug. 26, the Decisive pulled

into St. Petersburg, Fla., transferring their suspects and cocaine to the Drug Enforcement Agency.

During this patrol, the Decisive seized a total of 2,758  
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Photo by Stacey Byington

***Testing -- Riggers from Northrop Grumman Ship Systems Ingalls Operations work with the crew of USS Yorktown (CG 48) at Naval Station Pascagoula to reset the ship's 9,000 lb. starboard anchor. NGSS is under contract for ship alterations on the Ticonderoga class cruisers and was checking the feasibility of replacing the anchor with an altered 4,000 lb. anchor.***

## From our Fleet

# DESRON 6 commands exercise task group

By LTJG Ligia Cohen  
COMUSNAVSO Public Affairs

ABOARD USS STUMP (at sea)- USS Stump (DD 978) and USS McInerney (FFG 8) recently completed two major exercises in support of Commander, U.S. Southern Command's Theater Security Strategy.

USS Stump and USS McInerney participated first in UNITAS 44-03 Pacific Phase in the seas off of the Ecuadorian coast, followed immediately by their participation in PANAMAX 2003, the first multi-national, joint exercise designed as a response to potential sea-borne threats to the Panama Canal.

During UNITAS, Stump served as flagship for Rear Adm. Vinson Smith, Commander Task Force 138, the multi-national task force of the Americas. Task Force 138 included Navy and Coast Guard units from Chile, Ecuador, Panama, Peru and the United States as well as observers from Argentina, Bolivia and Mexico.

CAPT James Martin, Commander Destroyer Squadron 6 also embarked on Stump, served as Commander of the U.S. Task Group, which included the frigate USS McInerney, and aircraft from Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light (HSL) 4X2 and 4X8 Det 4, and from Patrol Squadron (VP) 5.

A fast-paced exercise, UNITAS is conducted throughout the year in a series of regional phases, which promote interoperability and coalition building. All warfare areas are stressed with exercise events designed to mirror the training of a Combined Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX), enabling U.S. units to maintain or improve warfighting readiness levels.

As UNITAS Pacific phase



U.S. Navy Photo

*A special operations boarding team approaches a 'suspect' vessel during PANAMAX 2003, a multi-national exercise involving the detection and interdiction of vessels posing a threat to the Panama Canal. CAPT James Martin, Commander DESRON 6, was the U.S. Task Group commander, and was embarked with his staff aboard USS Stump (DD 978).*

concluded, DESRON 6 staff, augmented with officers from Panama and Chile turned to the crisis-planning phase of PANAMAX 03. The scenario-based exercise involved the detection, identification, monitoring and interdiction of a commercial vessel suspected of posing a threat to the Panama Canal.

"It makes sense for our three countries to work together to protect the Canal," said Jose Isaza, Director General of Panama's National Maritime Service. "The United States is the first user of the Canal and Chile is the premier South American user (fourth in the world), and Panama, well, we are the owners."

McInerney, Stump, two Chilean ships, and five patrol boats from Panama comprised the surface force working in

conjunction with E-2C aircraft from Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW) 77, and P-3C aircraft from VP5, and Chilean Patrol Squadron One.

"The E-2C is the premier command and control aircraft. We can provide a surface picture out to a 200-mile radius," said LCDR Gerald Heyne, E-2C naval flight officer. "We pass the contact information to the P-3s and to the ships."

With the information collected by the aircraft, the surface units rapidly maneuvered to close in and prepared to interdict the suspected vessel.

After the multi-national staff evaluated the intelligence information, it concluded, "it was highly probable" that the vessel intended to carry out an attack against the Panama Canal and directed the coalition task

force to board the vessel.

"We were responding to no-notice situations," said LCDR Ronald Baasch, Chilean Naval Liaison Officer. "Our plan had to be flexible. That was crucial to the realism of the exercise."

After the target vessel was located, an element of Naval Special Warfare Unit 4 and visit, boarding, search and seizure (VBSS) teams from all participating ships took turns in boarding and searching the vessel.

The exercise culminated with a Chilean prize crew sailing the vessel to Panama where it was turned over to Panamanian authorities.

"Exercising our combined capabilities in the area of Maritime Interception Operations

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## Around the Homeport

# LT Bukoski retires after 22 years of service

By Stacey Byington  
Public Affairs Officer

Lieutenant Steven Bukoski, CEC, USN, retired Aug. 15 in a traditional naval ceremony at Naval Station Pascagoula, after serving 22 years in defense of his country.

"A retirement ceremony is as much for the command as it is for the Sailor retiring," said CDR Terry Rea, Commanding Officer of Naval Station Pascagoula. "For LT Bukoski, it brings closure, a fitting end to a career of service to the Navy."

LT Bukoski has been the Public Works Officer of NAVSTA Pascagoula since June 2001. He is responsible for operation and maintenance of all station facilities and services, including engineering planning, environmental programs, and ongoing construction.

He was the driving force behind the 160-unit Navy Family Housing project, acquisition of the current housing site, and negotiated the land acquisition for the southern half of Singing River Island for naval station expansion.

Outside his Navy job, LT Bukoski volunteers regularly at the New Hope Center in Pascagoula, taking part in activities for disabled children and young adults.

He began his Navy career in 1981, enlisting in the nuclear power program. His first duty station was aboard the USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) in the reactor department, responsible for nuclear power plant operations and maintenance.

Following instructor duty at the Naval Nuclear Power "A"



*LT Steven Bukoski, CEC, escorts his wife, Lori, and their children through the sideboys, ending a 22-year Navy career.*

by Stacey Byington

School and promotion to Chief Petty Officer in 1991, he was selected for the Enlisted Commissioning Program. He graduated with honors from Prairie View A&M University in Houston, Texas, with a degree in civil engineering in 1993.

LT Bukoski's first assignment as a commissioned officer was as the Assistant Public Works Officer for Naval Air Station, Atlanta, Ga. He was responsible for maintenance, repair and planning of facilities with a plant value of more than

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by Stacey Byington

*MA1(SW) Elizabeth Koehler passes an American flag to GMC(SW/AW) James Petersen representing LT Steven Bukoski's advancement from First Class to Chief Petty Officer.*

**About the cover:** *LT Steven Bukoski briefly reiterates some of the 'snapshots in time' that made an impression on him during his 22-year Navy career. LT Bukoski's official retirement ceremony was held Aug. 15 at the USO.*

## Around the Homeport

# Dr. Foster delivers first baby at Keesler

By Stacey Byington  
Public Affairs Officer

LCDR Teresa Foster, MC, senior medical officer at Branch Medical Clinic Pascagoula, delivered her first baby in Mississippi on Aug. 13, under a new cooperative program with Keesler Medical Center.

Earlier this year the Branch Medical Clinic announced a new prenatal care program, with Dr. Foster at the helm, giving prenatal patients the option of obtaining care at the clinic or at Keesler.

The new baby boy, born to Petty Officer Ian and Heidi Monsees, is the first case where Foster was able to continue her prenatal care through the delivery and beyond. Monsees is attached to the USS Stephen W. Groves (FFG 29).

"It was a very interesting day," said Foster. "When Mrs. Monsees was admitted to Keesler all my credentialing paperwork was not yet officially accepted by the hospital, and I did not know if I would be able to deliver the baby."

Foster said a Keesler administrator hand-walked the paperwork through for signature, and she was told just before the actual delivery that she had permission to continue her care.

"Dr. Foster was fantastic," said Heidi Monsees. "I felt very comfortable with her, and it made my labor and delivery a lot more personal, knowing I would have the same doctor that has seen me through my pregnancy."

Heidi said she felt more relaxed with Dr. Foster, and was more comfortable asking questions.

"My patient did very well," said Foster. "We delivered a beautiful, healthy baby boy at 8:27 p.m., who weighed 7 lbs., 6 oz. He is the couple's first



**Heidi Monsees shows off her son, delivered on Aug. 13 by Dr. Teresa Foster at Keesler Medical Center. Her husband, Ian, is attached to the USS Stephen W. Groves.**

baby."

It was Foster's first delivery at Keesler.

"Everything proceeded as normal," she said. "The nursing staff at Keesler was wonderful, and very receptive. Despite my unfamiliarity with their routine, the residents and staff were very helpful."

Foster is a family practice

doctor, and has worked hard with other members of the clinic to bring prenatal care to Pascagoula, eliminating the need for patients to go to Keesler for a 10-minute OB/GYN appointment. Having the same doctor following a patient throughout a pregnancy, delivering the baby, and then maintaining the pediatric care after-

ward just adds to a more personal relationship between the doctor and the patients.

"We are a small community," said Foster. "This leads to patient satisfaction in the best possible circumstances."

CDR Daniel Frederick, the Officer in Charge of Branch Medical Clinic Pascagoula, said there has been a lot of effort and coordination leading to this first birth, but it has all been worth it.

"There has been a great deal of coordination between the clinic here and Keesler," said Frederick. "Also, everyone here has had to assume a little more responsibility, ensuring the new initiative would look fairly seamless to the patients and their family members."

"I enjoy delivering babies," concluded Foster.

"To be there for that is very fulfilling. It is one of the incredible things I get to do in my job."



Photo by Stacey Byington

**Common access cards -- PN2 Gary Macalusa creates a CAC for BM3 Jason Davis, attached to the USS Stephen W. Groves (FFG 29). The CAC is the new identification card for all active-duty, Reserves, DoD civilians and eligible contractor personnel, as well as for family members and retirees. The old uniformed services ID card is being phased out. The CAC office, located on the first deck of Bldg. 10, is open Tuesdays through Thursdays, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., and for emergency appointments only on Mondays and Fridays. For more information, contact the NAVSTA Pascagoula Admin Office at 761-2219.**



## Around the Homeport



*The Naval Station Pascagoula Color Guard takes part in the USS Tullibee (SS 284) Memorial dedication, held Aug. 2, at the Mississippi Vietnam Memorial Park in Ocean Springs. The monument not only honors the crew of the Tullibee -- all but one were lost when the submarine was struck by one of its own torpedoes -- but all of the submarines that were lost during World War II, and the crewmembers that went down with those subs.*

Photo by JO2 Renee Johnson

## SubVets dedicate USS Tullibee memorial

By John Surratt  
The Mississippi Press

PASCAGOULA — The last time Clifford Kuykendall spent time with his shipmates on the submarine USS Tullibee (SS 284) was the morning of March 26, 1944. Several hours later, his boat was sunk; the victim of one of its own torpedoes. Kuykendall was the sole survivor of the Tullibee sinking.

"I was on lookout (when the torpedo hit the boat)," he said.

The explosion threw him overboard into the sea, where he was later picked up by a Japanese escort vessel. He spent the rest of the war in a Japanese prison camp and was forced to work in the copper mines at Ashio, north of Tokyo, until he was rescued in 1945.

Kuykendall was reunited with his sub's 10 officers and 69 enlisted men, on Aug. 2, as submarine veterans from Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama dedicated a memorial to the

Tullibee, which remains on eternal patrol.

"I was proud to be present at the dedication of this memorial to my shipmates," Kuykendall, who lives in Texas, said.

"We were one of 51 boats that were sunk. I'm glad this memorial honors all of the men and boats sunk during World War II and those boats that sank before and after the war."

Sitting in the shadow of the Mississippi Vietnam Memorial in Ocean Springs and the mast from the nuclear-powered cruiser USS Mississippi, the granite monument honoring the Tullibee sits in "a place of heroes," CDR. Mark Davis told people attending the dedication.

"And the Tullibee's story is an important story," he said. CDR Davis is the executive officer of Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Ga.

But the Tullibee is only part of what the monument honors.

Inscribed on the opposite side of the Tullibee's story are the names of other ships and

crews listed on what sub vets call "eternal patrol," and information about the silent service.

"Memorials like this are a tremendous motivation for all of us in the submarine service," Chief Petty Officer Donald Kultti said.

Kultti, who is command master chief for the Submarine Force, Atlantic Fleet, said all submariners have a fraternal relationship, adding, "it's good to see these memorials to be able to know the contributions of others and for their families and others to go and remember them."

Submarine veterans from all over the southeast came not only to the memorial's dedication, but to look at photographs and names on the monument and remember the days of long patrols at sea and the shipmates who shared them.

"I know of no submariner who has an expiration date on his dolphins," said Al Hammonds, who designed the monument and is a member of the Submarine Veterans of

World War II.

Hammond's organization and United States Submarine Veterans Inc. sponsored the monument.

"You know, when a soldier or a Marine dies in combat, they are buried and a monu-

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Photo by JO2 Renee Johnson

*Station signal flags fly from the mast of the USS Mississippi, adding color to the Tullibee Memorial dedication.*

## Around the Homeport

# Navy College Office helps Sailors reach goals

By Stacey Byington  
Public Affairs Officer

The Navy College Office at Naval Station Pascagoula helps increase Sailors' awareness of off-duty education programs and provides guidance as Sailors choose education degree programs that will help them achieve their goals.

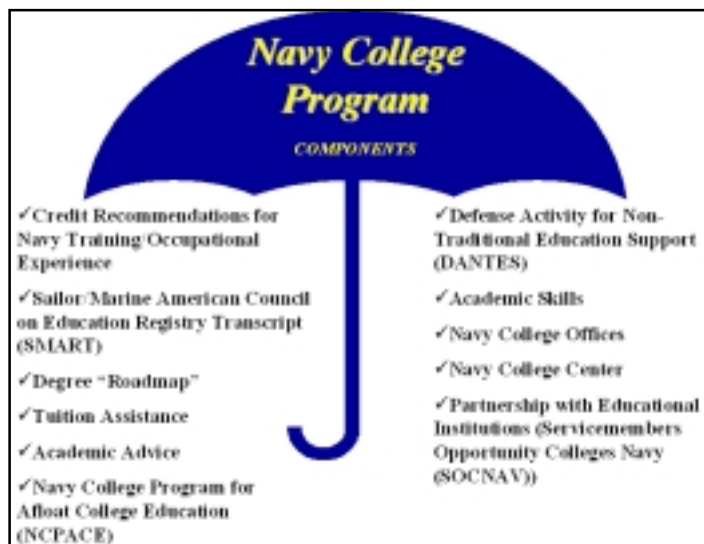
"The Navy College Program (NCP) serves the needs of our mobile Sailors," said Pauline Meyer, the Navy College Office manager at Pascagoula. "We help Sailors realize that they can successfully fulfill their Navy obligations, and at the same time complete a college degree. This, in turn, leads to Sailors' academic achievement, training readiness and career advancement."

NCP evolved from Navy Campus Education Centers on Navy and Marine Corps stations and bases around the world.

It streamlines and enhances the opportunity for Sailors to obtain degrees by building, to the maximum extent possible, on the academic credit Sailors earn for Navy training and on-the-job work experience. NCP integrates components of voluntary education into a single system, incorporating education into each Sailor's career as a part of life-long learning.

One of the components under the NCP umbrella is the Sailor/Marine American Council on Education Registry Transcript (SMART). SMART is an electronically produced transcript which not only records a Sailor's or Marine's military training, but also adds a consolidated history of college courses taken using tuition assistance funds, or taken through afloat college education programs.

"The SMART summary begins with the Sailor's graduation from recruit training," said



*Numerous educational resources are included under the Navy College Program umbrella.*

Meyer. "It documents recommended academic credit for military and occupational experience, and stays with him or her throughout their military career."

Official copies of a Sailor's SMART can be sent to any college or university he or she is applying to. Unofficial copies can be obtained online via the Navy College Center website.

Another program under the NCP umbrella are the distance learning partnership schools.

"The Navy has entered into partnership with 18 secondary education colleges and universities that offer rating-related degrees through distance learning programs," said Meyer. "These partnerships give maximum credit for military training and experience to fulfill associate and bachelor degree requirements."

Rating roadmaps have been established for every rating in the Navy. These roadmaps identify American Council on Education (ACE) recommended college credit that can be earned within individual ratings through formal training, qualifications and work experience.

Rating roadmaps lead to degree roadmaps.

"Every Sailor gets a plan," said Meyer.

Colleges and universities in the partnership include Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Florida State University, George Washington University, Southern New Hampshire University and Thomas Edison State College, to name just a few.

"The Navy went to great lengths to ensure the partnership program would work for the typical Sailor," said Meyer. "Because many Sailors may not have regular access to the internet, the partnership colleges and universities have agreed to provide video and/or print-based distance learning courses, allowing Sailors to continue earning their degrees from anywhere in the world, no matter what their deployment schedules."

NCP also coordinates the Navy's tuition assistance program.

Currently the Navy pays 100 percent of tuition costs for courses applicable to the completion of a high school diploma or equivalency certi-

cate, but not for books or registration fees. It also pays 100 percent of tuition for active duty Sailors and Marines, with a maximum of \$250 per credit hour, with a limit of 12 credits per year.

Last year, the Navy College Office at Pascagoula paid out more than \$100,000 in tuition assistance.

Meyer said that more than \$119,000 has gone to Sailors' educational needs so far this year. Of this, 30 percent, approximately \$40,000, has remained in Jackson County, meeting tuition costs of Sailors attending Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

The Navy College Office at Pascagoula also conducts DANTES (Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Educational Support) testing for college credit.

These tests include, but are not limited to high school equivalency tests, college admission exams, College Level Examination Program (CLEP) tests, DANTES subject standardized tests, and Regents College Examination Program tests.

"We focus on helping Sailors earn college degrees, when they are ready, and at their own pace, anywhere in the world, whether at sea or ashore," concluded Meyer.

"We are like a 'one-stop shopping' site to help them develop the educational degree programs that are right for them."

The Navy College Office at NAVSTA Pascagoula can be reached at 761-2439, or Sailors can stop by the office on station at the Learning Resource Center. Other information on the Navy College Program can be obtained from the Navy College Center website at [www.navycollege.navy.mil](http://www.navycollege.navy.mil), or call toll-free at 1-877-253-7122.



## Around the Homeport



Photo by Lee Lechleider

**National Night Out** -- Naval Station Pascagoula USO personnel sell canned drinks, hot dogs and popcorn to benefit the USO at the Pascagoula 'Night Out,' held Aug. 5, in Beach Park. Pascagoula was just one of thousands of towns and cities across the country who commemorated the 20th annual National Night Out 'America's Night Out Against Crime.' The annual law enforcement campaign is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, and generate support for local anti-crime programs.

### CPO Selectees

Congratulations to all our area Chief Petty Officer selectees. They are:

#### NAVSTA Pascagoula

EMC(SW) Edward Hall  
MSC(SW) Walter Coghlan  
QMC(SW) Rickey Brandon

#### Medical Clinic

HMC(SW/AW) Eddie Couillard

#### SIMA

ENC(SW) Cleotis Dean  
FCC(SW) Brian Hashman  
MRC(SW) Jeffrey Fischer

#### DESRON 6

OSC(SW) Jeffrey Walters

#### USS Ticonderoga

DKC(SW) Patrick Menc  
FCC(SW) David Thompson  
FCC(SW) Anthony Woody  
GMC(SW) John Carter  
GMC(SW) Patrick Romero  
ITC(SW) Brandon Generes  
MSC(SW) Kevin Floyd  
YNC(SW) Gerry Jackson

#### USS Yorktown

CTO(SW) Peter Thomas

DKC(SW) Edward Phillips  
OSC(SW/AW) William Pride  
OSC(SW) Michael Schurdell

#### USS Thomas S. Gates

ETC(SW) David Miller  
GSMC(SW) Shane Hightower  
OSC(SW) Eric Collins  
YNC(SW) Daryl Lavigne

#### USS Stephen W. Groves

BMC(SW) Daniel Bates  
BMC(SW) William Crowell  
EMC(SW) Terry Woodfin  
FCC(SW) Jack Wix  
GSMC(SW) Vincent Crawford  
OSC(SW) Brian Reasoner  
QMC(SW) Larry Lawrence

#### USS John L. Hall

ETC(SW) Reinhard Binek  
SKC(SW/AW/SCW) Donald Bunch

#### PCU Pinckney

DCC(SW) Michael Harrison  
OSC(SW) Jonathan Hightower  
QMC(SW) Steven Pappas  
STGC(SW) Joseph Brown  
YNC(SW) Jimmy Mouser

## Scholarship awarded

Alex Byington has been selected as the recipient of the first annual \$1,000 scholarship sponsored jointly by the Naval Station Pascagoula wardroom and First Command Educational Foundation.

Byington, 19, is currently enrolled in his second year at the University of Georgia in Athens, Ga.. He has been accepted into the pre-journalism program, and he aspires to be a sports reporter for a metropolitan daily newspaper. He is the son of Stacey Byington, NAVSTA Pascagoula's Public Affairs Officer, a retired Chief Journalist.

All graduating high school senior or enrolled college student dependent children of active duty, retirees or deceased military in the vicinity of the station were eligible to apply. All applicants needed to be enrolled or accepted full time to a two- or four-year college or university, starting or continuing in the fall of 2003.

Each applicant had to write a 500-1,000-word essay on the subject of "How has being a member of a military family af-

fected your view of the world today?"

"We had a wide range of submissions," said LCDR Nancy Fink, NAVSTA Pascagoula Executive Officer. "The decision was a tough one."

The award committee based its selection on accumulated scores in five categories -- SAT/ACT scores, high school academic performance, extra curricular activities, how well each candidate articulated their future goals, and the essay, which made up 40 percent of the total score.

"I would like to say 'Thank you,' to Naval Station Pascagoula and First Command Educational Foundation for their generous award," Byington said. "College expenses are greater than I anticipated."

Applications for next year's scholarship award should be available after the first of the new year. Application deadline will be mid-March.

First Command provides scholarships annually to deserving dependents of American military professionals worldwide.

## Around the Homeport

# 'Thank You' to command Ombudsmen

By Gerri Warden  
Ombudsman Coordinator

September is recognized Navywide as Ombudsman Appreciation month. These volunteer military spouses are appointed by the commanding officer of the command they serve, and are tasked with one of the most important jobs in the Navy — being the main link between the Commanding Officer and the families of that command.

The Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) at Naval Station Pascagoula supports the Ombudsman's efforts by providing information, resources, and training. In return, the Ombudsmen serve as FFSC points of contact for families, dissemination of information, assisting in personal or other crises and volunteer efforts. It really is a "help me, help yourself" situation.

FFSC is sponsoring Ombudsman Appreciation Night this year, on Sept. 11. All area Ombudsmen, their spouses, and representatives from their local commands will join FFSC in a Hawaiian Luau Night where the individual command Ombudsmen are the guests of honor.

Ombudsmen provide information and referral in support of command mission accomplishment; investigation of complaints and mediation of solutions; offering morale support to family members; and serve as a communication link during deployments and family separations.

Prior to the 1970's, Navy Chaplains played the key roll in caring for individual and family needs.

Admiral Elmo Zumwalt, then the Chief of Naval Operations, established a Navy Ombudsman Program in 1970 with volunteer spouses acting as a liaison between families and

*Ombudsman  
Appreciation Night  
Thursday, Sept. 11,  
6 p.m., at FFSC*



commands. His thinking was that the command could get a better quality of work from sailors if family issues were being resolved.

The Navy policy that governs the duties of the Ombudsman program, OPNAVINST 1750.1, was established in 1973. This policy defines the duties of the command representatives and the command's responsibilities for supporting the Ombudsman program's mission.

Today, the Navy Family Ombudsman Program is working better than ever. It not only serves Navy families, but also Navy leaders. Ombudsman volunteers use their personal experiences as Navy spouses, enhanced by mandatory formal training, to empower family members to find solutions to problems, to disseminate information from the command to the families, produce newsletters, welcome new families and help them get information about the command, serve on committees or board, and act as the point of contact during emergencies. They interact with many organizations including FFSCs, station/command chaplains, public affairs personnel, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society and the American Red Cross.

An Ombudsman is someone you can discuss a problem with in confidence. They have promised to treat your problems in a confidential and professional manner and to make sure you are informed about services and opportunities available to you. The ombudsman is a person the command has instructed and trained because they care very much about making your life easier.

Ombudsmen can speed up communication between ship and shore, passing along ship schedule changes and other information so that you stay informed. They can assist with a crisis if you are unable to resolve it through your own capabilities and resources.

An Ombudsman is not an active duty member, and they can not get involved in chain-of-command issues.

The contributions of ombudsmen during the past 33 years have had a great impact on the Navy's readiness and retention, and has improved the life quality for both Sailors and their families. In just three decades, the program has evolved into a major professional operation giving Navy

spouses official representation. They have a program manager and a headquarters office in Millington, Tenn. Standardized training has been instituted to ensure these designated command liaisons understand their jobs, their broad responsibilities, and the special trust placed in them.

Ombudsmen worldwide have established a legacy of giving. On call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, they have accepted the role willingly and with great enthusiasm. Their goal is to prevent problems and resolve difficulties so that service members can concentrate on their jobs. The Navy Ombudsman Program is so successful because of individuals who enthusiastically juggle family, time, and careers, showing that they care about people.

Take the time, during Ombudsman Appreciation Month, to contact your command Ombudsman and say "Thank You" for the services he/she performs. If you don't know your Ombudsman, call FFSC and we can help you find her/him.

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Note: C = command



## Around the Homeport

# Anna McCorvey elected Girls State governor

By Stacey Byington  
and JO2 Renee Johnson  
**NAVSTA Public Affairs**

Anna McCorvey, 17, daughter of Carolyn McCorvey, director of Naval Station Pascagoula's Fleet and Family Support Center, spent part of her summer vacation as Governor of Girls State.

McCorvey, now a senior at Moss Point High School, was among 24 area high school juniors who were selected by Jackson County Unit 160 of the American Legion Auxiliary to participate in the 56<sup>th</sup> annual Magnolia Girls State.

The delegates from Unit 160 were among 500 young women from around the state who gathered at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg for the week-long program. The girls were tasked with forming a mythical state, electing their own officials and enacting their own laws.

McCorvey campaigned with signs and posters, and gave away goodies. She ran for her party's (Nationalist) nomination, which she won, and then had to campaign against the opposition party (Federalist). The entire delegation — Nationalists and Federalists — then chose their Governor, the highest of eight elected positions.

"I was very excited and surprised to be elected," Anna said. "I didn't make up my mind to run until a week before the campaign, but I was prepared."

Having her daughter chosen as governor for Girls State came as no surprise to McCorvey's mother.

"She is very goal-oriented and is very involved in both her school and the community," said Carolyn McCorvey, who describes her daughter as focused, well-grounded, and a leader. "This was no different from anything else Anna sets



Photo by Carolyn McCorvey

*Anna McCorvey, 17, poses with Janice Carver, a Girls State counselor, at the American Legion Auxiliary Convention held in July in Diamondhead. McCorvey, a guest speaker at the convention, spent part of her summer vacation as Governor of Girls State. She is the daughter of FFSC director, Carolyn McCorvey,*

out to do. Once she goes after something, she strives for success."

As Governor, Anna was responsible for reviewing and signing bills, enacting them into

legislation. She also had the opportunity to meet Mississippi's Lieutenant Governor Amy Tuck, and Insurance Commissioner George Dale.

"I learned a lot about leadership and some of the responsibilities of a governor," she said.

McCorvey now has her sites set on her future.

"I am planning on attending Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University in Tallahassee, Fla., to get a bachelors degree in architecture and continue on to Howard University in Washington, D.C. for my masters," she said.

With some advice to students that are following in her footsteps, McCorvey says, "I would advise them to be really active in school, the community, and to stay in their guidance counselor's office."

McCorvey, as a junior, was vice president of the Skills USA Vocational Industrial Clubs of America and a member of the National Honor Society. This year she is captain of the Moss Point High School cheerleading squad, a member of the student council, and continues on the National Honor Society.

## Shipbuilding commands consolidate

By Irene Smith  
**NAVSEA Public Affairs**

WASHINGTON (NNS) — Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) is consolidating two of its Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion and Repair (SUPSHIP) commands into a single command, in support of the Chief of Naval Operation's Sea Enterprise initiative, and to improve organizational alignment and increase future readiness.

SUPSHIP New Orleans, La., and SUPSHIP Pascagoula, Miss., will be disestablished and replaced by a new command, SUPSHIP Gulf Coast,

beginning Oct. 1.

The consolidation follows the acquisition of Ingalls Shipbuilding in Pascagoula and Avondale Shipyards in New Orleans by Northrop Grumman Corporation. Since Northrop Grumman Ship Systems operates both shipyards as a single business unit, the Navy concluded that maintaining two SUPSHIPS was not cost effective. It could achieve significant savings and efficiency by having a single contract administration activity responsible for the entire Gulf Coast area.

"This consolidation is giving us the opportunity to have a common corporate approach

to these two entities," said Capt. Ken Roey, NAVSEA's director of the SUPSHIP Management Group. "It provides us the opportunity to gain efficiencies as we combine duplicate functions across the Gulf Coast."

Located near private shipbuilding facilities throughout the United States, SUPSHIPS are the Navy's waterfront leadership. Acting as NAVSEA's on-site technical, contractual and business agent, SUPSHIP is responsible for contract administration and project management of shipbuilding, ship repair, maintenance, modern-

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## Navy News

# Sailors generally satisfied with quality of life

By JO1 Teresa Frith  
CNP Public Affairs

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) — A Sailor's view of his or her quality of life plays an extremely important factor in determining whether he or she will choose to continue his or her military career. Recently, more than 5,000 Sailors expressed their views on quality of life in 15 areas during the 2002 Quality of Life Survey.

The survey, administered by the Navy Personnel Command's (NPC) Navy Personnel Research and Development Center (NPRDC), was sent to 17,000 randomly selected Sailors. Approximately one-third responded with their inputs.

The survey addressed quality of life in four professional areas: shipboard life, career development, current job and Sailor preparedness, as well as 11 personal areas including leisure and recreation, friends and other personal relationships, and standard of living/income levels.

According to the survey results, Sailors seem positive about their overall quality of

*Most Sailors are positive about their current jobs, career development and preparedness says a quality of life survey recently concluded.*

Photo by JO2  
Renee Johnson



life, with 63 percent saying they were satisfied with the military way of life, and 84 percent satisfied with their lives in general.

However, when asked about their feelings on their professional domains, including shipboard life, current job, preparedness and career development, the satisfaction level varied, with the junior enlisted ranks being less satisfied than chief petty officer and officer ranks.

Overall, only 41 percent rated shipboard life as satisfactory. For example, Sailors in the E-2 - E-6 range weren't as happy with their berthing space sizes as were the chiefs and

officers.

Sailors in all ranks were more positive on the areas of current job, career development and preparedness, with overall marks of 67 percent for E-1 - E-6, 70 percent for chiefs and 79 percent for officers. The only exception was that less than half of the enlisted were satisfied with the amount of time they had to update their skills.

Similar finds were shown in the areas of standard of living/income, with the majority of E-2 through E-6 being dissatisfied with their income levels, stressing the need for more money for extras and saving, while CPOs and officers were

generally satisfied with their income levels.

There was a similar trend in comparing non-career Sailors with less than 10 years of service to those of career Sailors with more than 10 years service. The survey showed that a sizeable number of non-careerists were happy with their career development and current job, but dissatisfied with shipboard life.

Thanks to these results, the Navy has concluded that improving shipboard life, especially for junior Sailors, is a way to improve overall quality of life and retention. The results of the survey have been forwarded to appropriate commands to determine how best to do this, including the possibility of things such as improving future ship designs to improve habitability issues, and accelerating construction of off-ship housing for single junior Sailors.

For more information on these initiatives, contact the NPC Customer Service Center at 1-866-U-ASK-NPC or visit them on the web at [www.staynavy.navy.mil](http://www.staynavy.navy.mil).

## 'Authentic Navy Originals' available at support center

By Naval Sea Systems  
Command Public Affairs

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (NNS) — Sailors looking to purchase a new uniform now have another option to choose from with the introduction of a new line of men's uniforms — Authentic U.S. Navy Originals.

The new line offers customers the same great quality that they currently find in uniform shops, but with two new fit options: athletic and classic, with a price that is at or below other brands.

"The athletic fit trousers are for the Sailor who may have a larger seat and fuller thighs,

while the athletic shirt accommodates customers who may have larger arm and neck measurements and a more tapered waist," said Cmdr. Lisa Vickers, director of the Navy Exchange Service Command's (NEXCOM) Uniform Program Management Office. "The classic fit was designed for those Sailors with minimal variance between their chest and waist or their waist and hip measurements."

The new uniforms are available in men's Service Dress Blue jacket and trouser, Service Dress White jacket, white CNT short-sleeved shirt and trouser, khaki CNT short-sleeved shirt and trouser, khaki

poly-wool short-sleeved shirt and trouser and khaki poly cotton short-sleeved and long-sleeved shirts and trouser. The white long-sleeved dress shirt is available in the classic fit only.

Navy Exchange Uniform Shop associates are available to measure customers to determine which fit is right for them.

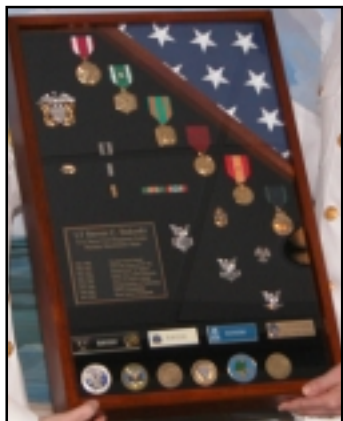
"Generally, if there is six inches or more between your chest and waist measurements, and between your waist and hip measurements, you could be an athletic fit," said Vickers. "If there is less than six inches between your chest and waist

measurements, and between your waist and hip measurements, you could be a classic fit. Having two fit options can save our customers tailoring costs while ensuring a better fit and sharper appearance."

Select Navy Exchange uniform shops will carry the new line of uniforms, and the assortment will vary by location. The entire line of Authentic U.S. Navy Originals men's uniforms is available worldwide through the Navy Exchange Web site at [www.navy-nex.com](http://www.navy-nex.com), as well as by calling the Uniform Support Center toll-free numbers 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



## Continuing on ...



by Stacey Byington

**A retiree's shadowbox represents the milestones of his or her career.**

### LT Bukoski retires after 22 years ...

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\$105 million. In 1996, he assumed additional duties as Assistant Resident Officer in Charge of Construction for Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southern Division, where he managed nine federal construction and repair contracts with a total value of \$1.2 million.

After attending the Georgia Institute of Technology and earning a Master's degree in construction engineering and management, and just prior to his current assignment, he was the Assistant Resident Officer in Charge of Construction at the Naval Shipyard in Philadelphia, Pa.

LT Bukoski and his family depart the Mississippi Gulf Coast for Orlando, Fla., where he will be the new director of engineering for the Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center.

"LT Bukoski's foresight, motivation, and innovative leadership helped balance tremendous demands on station resources," said CDR Rea. "We wish him 'fair winds and following seas'."

### Shipbuilding consolidation ...

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ization in the private sector for the fleet, DoD, and other government customers. SUPSHIP personnel work closely with the shipbuilders, and are instrumental in bringing each new ship from the drafting table to the fleet, as well as ensuring the ship's health and technical superiority throughout its service life.

"This is a merger of equals, not a takeover," said Roey. "It

will help us identify our best and most efficient practices, identify risk mitigation and Lean Manufacturing opportunities, and streamline our waterfront oversight efforts."

SUPSHIP Gulf Coast headquarters will be in Pascagoula, collocated with the headquarters of Northrop Grumman Ship Systems. The SUPSHIP deputy supervisor will be located in New Orleans.

### Decisive nets contraband ...

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kilograms of cocaine, from three go-fasts, with an estimated wholesale value of more than \$57 million, and a street value of 10 times that amount.

Decisive is a medium endurance cutter, commanded by CDR Kurt A. Van Horn. The ship's company is made up of 12 officers and 70 enlisted

crewmembers. Her helicopter is from the Helicopter Interdiction Tactical Squadron (HITRON), Jacksonville, Fla.

The U.S. Coast Guard has seized 45 vessels so far this year and more than 50 tons of cocaine, with an estimated worth of more than \$3.1 billion.

### Navy Ball tickets on sale

Celebrate the Navy's 228th birthday at the Naval Station Pascagoula's Navy Ball, held this year on Saturday, Oct. 18, at the Grand Casino in Biloxi.

Ticket prices per person are as follows:

- \* E-1 through E-3, \$10
- \* E-4, \$15
- \* E-5, \$25
- \* E-6 through E-9, \$30
- \* O-1 and above, \$35

Government civilians, NAF employees, and retirees pay military equivalencies. Other civilians pay \$35 per person. Command-sponsored 10-person tables can be reserved for \$350 per table (10 tickets).

Uniform is military service dress or better, with miniature medals, and appropriate civilian attire (coat and tie).

Ticket stubs will be drawn for door prizes, and attendees must be present to win.

First Command Educational Foundation is donating, as door prizes, two 3-day, 2-night vacation packages to any of more than 70 different destinations worth between \$500-\$800 or more depending on the destination. Many other door prizes are planned.

So mark your calendar, tell your favorite lady or guy to buy a new dress or tie, and celebrate the Navy's birthday with your shipmates.

See a Navy Ball representative for tickets:

CMDCM(SW) Laurel Davis;  
EM1(SW) Daniel Ring;  
NC1(SW) Mary Dunleavy;  
FC1(SW) Richard Underwood;  
PN2 Gary Macalusa; or  
MS2 Misty McMasters

### SubVets dedicate sub memorial ...

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ment is placed to mark their grave," said Glen Keller of Slidell, La., who served on submarines from 1955-58. "But the men who died on submarines aren't returned home. They're still out there. It's good to see all those subs and men honored."

The Tullibee was one of 288 submarines deployed in the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans during World War II.

In the Pacific, U.S. submarines comprised 1.6 percent of the Navy's combat force, but accounted for 60 percent of the Japanese naval and merchant shipping losses, more than 5.5 million tons.

More than 3,500 valiant submariners paid the ultimate sacrifice, suffering the highest losses of any branch of the service during World War II, prompting Adm. Chester Nimitz, then Pacific Fleet commander to say that in the submarine service, "uncommon valor was a common virtue."

### DESRON 6 commands task group ...

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was the primary aspect of the exercise's overall objectives," said LCDR Paul Bahrs, USNAVSO exercise director.

Whether improving interoperability through the Unitas phases or advancing hemispheric security cooperation through Panamax, the naval forces deployed to the USNAVSO area of responsibility are constantly working to support U.S. policy in the region.

## MWR Activities

# Significant program cuts in MWR's future

By Kristen Kea  
NAVSTA MWR Director

Reduced monetary resources in Department of Defense (DoD) budgets, increased missions, and reductions in base operating support (BOS) functions will take its toll on the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) programs at Naval Station Pascagoula in fiscal years 2004 and 2005.

Due to the war on terrorism and the vital need to recapitalize and modernize ships and aircraft, the Navy is anticipating reductions in many BOS functions, which includes the MWR department.

Planned reductions in appropriated fund support for shore installations, which includes Navy MWR, are potentially significant in FY04 and FY05. In fact, the budget reductions exceed MWR's ability to offset with nonappropriated fund (NAF) support or other overhead expense reductions. They will have a direct impact on the number of programs that MWR Pascagoula will be able to provide.



File photo

***The NAVSTA Pascagoula pool will not be reopened in the spring due to MWR budget cuts.***

Preparing for these tough times, MWR has been measuring patron utilization and per usage costs -- what it costs us to run the different programs and facilities. Prioritizing programs in order of highest priority for active duty Sailors has also been done via the integrated process teams (IPT).

With this information and data in place, tough decisions have been made locally to determine what programs and

facilities would need to be cut due to the shrinking resources.

NAVSTA Pascagoula Commanding Officer, CDR Terry Rea, has been faced with several hard choices.

Several of those decisions include the closure of the Auto Skills facility at Lakeside on Oct. 1. The swimming pool will not be re-opened in May of 2004 after it is closed for the winter season later this year.

MWR is also reducing the number of special events that the department normally promotes and coordinates throughout the coming year.

These programs were chosen for elimination or reduction based on the high cost per usage and overall patron utilization.

With these closures in effect, MWR will be able to continue to fund the Sports and Fitness program, the Liberty program and Cyber Café, Information, Tickets and Travel Office, Cracker Jack's at Lakeside, and the Outdoor Rental Program. The Ocean Springs YMCA contract will also be renewed until Sept. 30, 2004.

The MWR team at Pascagoula realizes that our customers deserve the best and continuing with that service is important to Sailors and their families. Any questions or comments can be directed to Kristen Kea, MWR Director, at (228) 761-2097, or by email [mwrdir@ns-pascagoula.navy.mil](mailto:mwrdir@ns-pascagoula.navy.mil).

## Tickets, Tours and Travel suggests 'edu-taining' ideas for fall

By Ruth Rotton  
NAVSTA IIT Manager

The kids are back in school, summer vacation is just a fond memory, and the weather is finally going to cooperate. (Maybe the mosquitos, too!!) Fall is the best time to live on the Gulf Coast.

Outdoor activities are so abundant there's not enough room to list everything, but here are a few suggestions.

Try horseback riding at Lonesome Duck Stables in Kiln, Miss., or canoeing on the Wolf, Red, Black and Okatoma Rivers (all in southern Mississippi).

Gulf Islands Kayaking has guided tours on Horn Island

and local rivers. And I can't leave out golfing. Or hunting. Or fishing.

Another area attraction is the Biloxi Schooners at the Maritime Museum.

The Gulf Coast Gator Ranch in Pascagoula is just one of many popular swamp tours on the Gulf Coast. Lynn Meadows Discovery Center in Biloxi is a great hands-on place for the whole family.

The best part about the Fall are the festivals.

The Annual Mississippi Gulf Coast Blues Festival is Sept. 6 at the Jackson County Fairgrounds. The Biloxi Seafood Festival is Sept. 13-14 at Point Cadet Plaza. Oktoberfest is celebrated in Gulfport Sept.

26-28 at the Holiday Inn Beachfront, and Oktoberfest is celebrated in New Orleans at the Deutsches Haus Restaurant on Sept. 26. (This includes an awesome parade.)

The eighth annual 'Cruisin' the Coast' will be Oct. 5-12. This year the "Hog Rally" will coincide with 'Cruisin' the Coast.' This should be an unbelievable event. (Where are they going to put everyone??)

Spooky traditions make New Orleans a great destination.

There are a variety of tours that focus on haunted sites, cemeteries, ghosts, voodoo and vampires. Maybe you'll bump into Anne Rice!!

I strongly suggest taking a

Gray Lines tour. Or better yet, take the Haunted History tour.

There are a number of kid-friendly festivals.

There is "Boo at the Zoo" Oct. 24, 25 and 31 at the New Orleans Zoo, and "Scarium at the Aquarium" Oct. 25 and 26 at the New Orleans Aquarium.

Get your Zoo and Aquarium discounted military tickets at Information, Tickets and Travel, Bldg. 63, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Get out and enjoy this fall with your family and friends. Do something you've never done before, and make the most out of your stay here on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. "Life's better everywhere recreation takes you."



## MWR Activities

# Hole-in-one on 17th nets \$10,000

Naval Station Pascagoula's Morale, Welfare and Recreation department has a wide range of activities and events planned for September. They include:



### Fantasy Football Draft Night Sept. 2 Cracker Jack's

Add more excitement to this year's NFL season by taking part in the Cracker Jack's League. Form a team by drafting players from the NFL's best. Then log onto the league's website and enter your team roster. The teams' performances are tracked for the season based on weekly game stats. The league-winning team champion receives an official NFL jersey of the NFL team of their choice. Sign-up sheets are available at Cracker Jack's and the Cyber Cafe.

### Paintball Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24 4:30 p.m.

#### Paintball Field

The field is available on Wednesdays beginning at 4:30

## Personal Classifieds

### Vehicles for Sale

**FOR SALE:** 1988 Ford Aerostar van. Runs, needs some mechanical and body work. Make an offer. Call Denise at 761-5629, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., or 474-9371 after 6 p.m.

p.m. Play for up to four hours for only \$10 per person. Includes protective clothing, guns and 200 paintballs. Call 761-2293 or 761-2038 to reserve the field.

### Football on the Big Screen Sept. 4, 8 p.m. Cracker Jack's

See all the action on the big screen when the New York Jets and the Washington Redskins clash. The Hot Wings Special is back. Get all the hot wings you can eat for \$5.

### Monday Night Football 8 p.m. Cracker Jack's

Join your friends for all Monday night football games. Catch all the action on the big screen, and four smaller ones. To add to the fun, there will be prizes given away during the games. The Hot Wings Special - all you can eat for \$5 - will be offered at all Monday night games.

**Sept. 8,** Tampa Bay vs. Philadelphia.

**Sept. 15,** Dallas Vs. New York Giants.

**Sept 22,** Oakland vs. Denver

**Sept. 29,** Green Bay vs. Chicago.

### Late Summer Golf Tournament Sept. 9

#### Gulf Hills Golf Course Ocean Springs, MS

Join Navy Pascagoula on the greens for a four-person scramble. Sponsored by First Command Financial Planning, prizes will be awarded to first, second and third-place teams. Additional prizes will be awarded randomly, including \$10,000 for a hole in one on a selected par 3 hole. Hole-in-one prizes will also be awarded for holes 3, 8 and 12. Additionally, win prizes for the longest drive, closest to the pin, and closest

to the hole on all par 3s. Lunch at noon. Tee time is 1 p.m. The entry fee of \$35 includes lunch, green fees and card. Red tees and mulligans will be sold to benefit this year's Navy Ball. Open to all active duty, reservists, retirees, DoD civilians, and family members. Registration is being held through Sept. 5. For more information, call the Sports & Fitness Center at 761-2107.



### Operation Freedom 5K Sept. 11, 7 a.m. Sports/Fitness Center

Remember the importance of preserving the principles that have helped make this country great. This event features a mile walk and a 5K run. All eligible fitness center patrons may participate. For more information, call the Sports & Fitness Center at 761-2107.

### Dominoes Tournament Sept. 16, 6:30 p.m. Cyber Cafe

Entry is free. The winner receives a prize and everyone enjoys the challenge. The tournament is open to all eligible patrons.

### Dominoes Tournament Sept. 30 6:30 p.m. Cracker Jack's

Entry is free. Grab a seat and let the games begin. The winner receives a prize and everyone enjoys the challenge. The tournament is open to all eligible patrons.

### MWR Facilities Hours of operation

#### Outdoor Rental 761-2038

Mondays, 6 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Tuesdays through Fridays,  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Closed on Saturdays,  
Sundays

#### Cracker Jack's Lakeside

Mondays-Thursdays, 5-10  
p.m.  
Fridays, 5-11 p.m.  
Open for lunch Mondays  
through Fridays, 11 a.m. -  
1 p.m.  
Saturdays, 11 a.m. - 11  
p.m.  
Sundays, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

#### Sports/Fitness Center 761-2107

Mondays-Fridays, 5:30  
a.m.-9:30 p.m.  
Saturdays, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Sundays, noon-6 p.m.

#### Aerobics Schedule

**Mondays** - Abs at 11:15  
a.m.  
**Tuesdays** - Cardio Kick-  
boxing at 11 a.m.  
**Wednesdays** - Abs at  
11:15 a.m.; Step Aerobics  
at 3 p.m.  
**Thursdays** - Cardio Kick-  
boxing at 4 p.m.

#### Cyber Cafe

Mondays-Fridays, 1000 -  
10 p.m.  
Saturdays and Sundays,  
11 a.m.-6 p.m.

#### ITT

761-2432  
Mondays-Fridays, 9 a.m.-5  
p.m.

#### Auto Skills Shop Lakeside

Tuesdays and Fridays,  
4:30-8:30 p.m.  
Saturdays, noon-4 p.m.

#### Skeeter's

Main Softball Field  
Open for breakfast Monday  
through Friday, 6 - 9 a.m.  
Also open for softball  
games, other sporting  
events, and for other  
special occasions.